GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RELEASE OF KEROSENE
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is more release of kerosene to urban areas as compared to rural areas as also between the developed and backward States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of corrective measures taken/proposed to ensure equitable release of kerosene and other essential articles to the States strictly as per norms?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b) & (c) : Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System.The allocation of Kerosene is made on historical basis i.e. last year`s allocation plus additional allocation out of increase given at the national level based on the principle of giving higher increase to the States with lower per capita availability so as to reduce inter-state disparity. Distribution of kerosene within the State is the responsibility of the state Government.

Foodgrains under TPDS are allocated to the States/UTs based on the Statewise povertyestimates of Planning Commission. Allocation for BPL families has been doubled from 10 kg. to 20 kg. per family per month w.e.f. 1.4.2000 and allocation for APL families has been retained at the same level as at the time of introduction of TPDS in 1997.

Allocation of foodgrains for BPL families has been further been increased w.e.f.

1.12.2000 by shifting the base to population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000instead of earlier population projection of 1995.

With regard to allocation of levy sugar, the Government have decided that w.e.f. 1st Februay, 2001, levy sugar supply under PDS will be restricted to BPL families only except incase of North Eastern States, Hilly States and Island Territories where the existing arrangements will continue. The Government have also decided that the population to be covered for supply of sugar under PDS would be on the basis of projected population as on 1st March, 2000. The per capita norm has been enhanced from 425 gms to 500 gms per month so that the BPL beneficiaries would get benefited further.